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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



HOUSE DEMOCRATS SPLIT OVER CHINATRADE

By *Eric Schmitt*

Rep. David Phelps, a freshman Democrat from farm country, finds himself at the center of a storm over legislation to normalize trade relations with China. As one of about 40 undecided House Democrats who will probably control the bill's fate next month, Phelps is being pulled in opposite directions by his diverse constituency.

Farmers hit hard by plunging prices, as well as international agribusiness giants like Caterpillar and Archer Daniels Midland, are urging him to vote yes to help open rich new Chinese markets to U.S. goods. But long-time labor allies who work in factories are lobbying hard against the deal, saying it would cost hundreds of union jobs here in central Illinois and reward a repressive Communist government.

"I've tried to do my homework, but it's just not that easy," Phelps told a group of labor, farm and business leaders. "Human rights and environmental concerns are at the top of my list, but I don't want to look back on my first term and feel I hurt the country's prosperity."

Phelps' silence on how he will vote has catapulted him into a limelight he has not enjoyed since his days as a gospel singer. Labor and business have come calling to Washington and to his seven offices in a district that is one of the largest east of the Mississippi River, stretching more than 200 miles from Decatur in the north to the oil and coal fields of the south, by the Kentucky border.

Phelps is not the only wavering

Democrat under political siege at home. With the House in a two-week recess, supporters on both sides are waging an all-out grass-roots war on the airwaves and in rallies and town meetings to pull the fence-sitters their way.



Sgt. Nicholas Alegre, 22, Warner Robbins, Ga., Marine Aviation Control Group 38, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 166 (Rein), washes down a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) with a high pressure hose during the washdown phase of the backload conducted by the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). The MEU was deployed to the Kuwaiti desert during April for Exercise Eager Mace 2000. The 15th MEU(SOC) is deployed aboard the ships of the USS BONHOMME RICHARD Amphibious Ready Group. (Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Glenn Holloway.)

REGULATORS CONFRONT POLITICS ON INTERNET

By Leslie Wayne

If a New York businessman running for Congress puts a link in his corporate Web site to his campaign Web site, does that run afoul of laws restricting corporate political activities?

What if a George Bush supporter sets up a Web page to promote Bush and sends out e-mail messages advocating his candidacy. Is that a matter of unfettered free speech or a campaign contribution to be regulated? Can Microsoft employees give approval for paycheck deductions via e-mail, even though the Federal Election Commission (FEC) needs their actual signature?

These are the kinds of questions that officials have had to resolve now that the World Wide Web has met the 2000 campaign. Federal regulators face a tricky set of questions about how to regulate the Web as it plays an increasingly powerful role in promoting candidates, raising money and encouraging political discussion.

The FEC solicited comments on how to approach Web politics, and for the moment, most of the respondents have argued for holding off on any action until after the election. Even such supporters of increased oversight as "Common Cause" and liberal think tanks have called for a hands-off policy for now.

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STOCK MARKET

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|---------|-----------|------|--------|
| DOW | 10,844.05 | UP | 169.09 |
| NASDAQ | 3,643.88 | DOWN | 62.53 |
| S&P 500 | 1,432.49 | UP | 5.02 |
| NYSE | 639.41 | UP | 6.14 |

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SUNDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1100 AIR BUD
1630 ROCKET MAN
1800 THE SEIGE
2000 RANDOM HEARTS
2200 THE MOD SQUAD

CHANNEL 6

1100 OPERATION CONDOR
1630 IN & OUT
1800 THE BEST MAN
2000 THE NEPHEW
2200 A MURDER OF CROWS

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

INTERNATIONAL NEWS**ELIAN TO BE REMOVED BY FORCE***By David Johnston*

After a meeting Thursday with Attorney General Janet Reno, federal law-enforcement authorities began to mobilize to remove Elian Gonzalez forcibly from the home of the Miami relatives who have refused to hand over the 6-year-old Cuban boy to his father, government officials said.

Time, they said, had nearly run out on a negotiated solution. They said law-enforcement action was now all but certain and would be carried out by immigration agents and federal marshals who have been arriving in Miami in recent days.

Aides said Thursday night that Reno was still prepared to listen to any specific proposal to conclude the matter peacefully. In blunt comments Thursday evening that sounded like a prelude to action, President Clinton said the father should wait no longer for his son.

"There is now no conceivable argument for his not being reunited with his son," Clinton told reporters, adding, "I think he should be reunited and in as prompt and orderly a way as possible."

The hardening rhetoric and surge of behind-the-scenes activity came a day after a three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals barred the authorities from removing the boy from the United States. The court did not prohibit the Justice Department from ordering the boy's Miami relatives to surrender him to the authorities.

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, renewed his plea Thursday for the government to deliver his son. "Don't let them continue to abuse my son," Gonzalez said.

SPORTS**BASEBALL SCORES:**

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| TORONTO | 8 | N.Y. YANKEES | 3 |
| ANAHEIM | 9 | TAMPA BAY | 6 |
| CHI. WHITESOX | 7 | DETROIT | 2 |
| MINNESOTA | 10 | TEXAS | 5 |
| BALTIMORE | 11 | OAKLAND | 9 |
| SEATTLE | 10 | KANSAS CITY | 2 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 11 | ARIZONA | 5 |
| LOS ANGELES | 9 | CINCINNATI | 2 |
| PHILADELPHIA | 4 | FLORIDA | 3 |
| MONTREAL | 5 | MILWAUKEE | 1 |
| ATLANTA | 6 | PITTSBURGH | 2 |
| SAN DIEGO | 7 | HOUSTON | 2 |
| COLORADO | 6 | ST. LOUIS | 4 |

NHL SCORES:

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| ST. LOUIS | 5 | SAN JOSE | 3 |
| PITTSBURGH | 2 | WASHINGTON | 1 |
| DALLAS | 3 | EDMONTON | 2 |
| COLORADO | 2 | PHOENIX | 1 |

SUTTON BREAKS AWAY FROM FIELD IN GREATER GREENSBORO CLASSIC*By Associated Press*

Hal Sutton missed a 4-foot par putt on the first hole Friday when his ball hit a spike mark. Little else went wrong.

Sutton, the U.S. Ryder Cup star who won The Players Championship last month, overcame 25 mph gusts for a masterful 8-under 64 to take a five-stroke lead after the second round of the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic.

Sutton had 11 birdies and three bogeys en route to his low round of the season. He birdied all of the par-3's and par-5's at Forest Oaks Country Club to finish at 13-under 131.

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| 1. | Hal Sutton | -13 |
| 2. | Barry Cheesman | -8 |
| 3. | Andrew Magee | -6 |
| 3. | Jonathan Kaye | -6 |
| 3. | Scott Dunlap | -6 |
| 3. | Doug Dunakey | -6 |
| 3. | Brad Elder | -6 |
| 3. | Jesper Parnevik | -6 |
| 3. | Brian Henninger | -6 |

FOOD SERVICE ATTENDANTS

Photos by MS3 Mike Hancock and JO3 Laura C. Wiggins



ABHAN Gabreil Alvarez changed the coffee yesterday morning in the wardroom.



AN Maria Rose pours fresh bread rolls into a bin for serving to the crew on the messdecks.



ITSA Joshua Adams and AR Rocky Jamison wash dishes in the Wardroom deep sink.



SN Jerrod Clark, AN Zarko Jovisevic, and SN Sherah Stallcup stood by for dinner stores yesterday just after lunch.



OSSA Jessica Kelly and Lcpl. Kelvin Jones serve lunch in the CPO mess under the supervision of MS1 Steffon Kendrick. ITSN Amber Sloan stands by with more fries.



ASAN Jason Taylor and MMFN Danny Holcomb mulch paper trash in the pulper, along with the left-overs from lunch.



SN Libby Walker and FN William Miller serve lunch for the crew.



AN Devon Murdock, EMFN Charles Lott and DCFN Chad Smith scrub dishes in the scullery.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR COUNTRY?

1. Who was the first President of the United States?
George Washington Benjamin Franklin
Abraham Lincoln John Adams
2. Whose famous quote is, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal"?
George Washington Abraham Lincoln
Martin Luther King, Jr. Thomas Jefferson
3. Where was the first national capitol located:
Pennsylvania Washington, D.C.
New York Massachusetts
4. How did the Liberty Bell get its crack?
Lightning it was dropped
It was made that way Cracked when first rung
5. Who was commissioned to make the first United States flag?
Betty Crocker Eleanor Roosevelt
Betsy Ross Martha Washington
6. In what year was the Declaration of Independence signed?
1756 1776
1492 1746
7. How many stars were on the first United States flag?
Seven Five
Thirteen Fifty
8. Who shot Abraham Lincoln?
William Tell John Wilkes booth
Lee Harvey Oswald George Washington
9. Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence:
John Adams Thomas Jefferson
George Washington John Hancock
10. Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?
Francis Scott Key Jean Lafitte
George Washington Sir Walter Raleigh

Answers:

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| 1. George Washington | 6. 1776 |
| 2. Thomas Jefferson | 7. Thirteen |
| 3. New york | 8. John Wilkes Booth |
| 4. Cracked when first rung | 9. John Hancock |
| 5. Betsy Ross | 10. Francis Scott key |